Reply of Government.—The work is necessary. The Inspector-General of Education will be asked to revise the budget and show some appropriation.

SUBJECT No. 470.

Oil-engines to lift water.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Advocate, Shimoga Municipality; Mr. C. Subba Rao, B.A., B.L., Advocate, Nagar Sabha.

Summary of discussion.—As an experimental measure, oil-engines may be supplied to raiyats in Shimoga to lift water from Tunga river for irrigation purposes. If this proves to be useful and economical, the same may be done on a large scale.

Reply of Government.—The Deputy Commissioner is now considering this subject. He will be asked to expedite his reply.

SUBJECT No. 471.

Agricultural Bank at Nyamti

Mr. Maridevara Gurusiddaiya, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The entire amount of loan granted to the Agricultural Bank has been ordered to be recovered by coercive measures; but owing to plague and other causes, raiyats have become poor and therefore it is requested that some concession may be shown to this bank as has been done in the case of some banks established for the help of Coffee Planters. The amount of loan advanced by Government can be recovered at any time by selling the property hypothecated to Government.

Reply of Government.—Let the members of the bank concerned make the representation, when it will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 472.

Kandayam of wet lands under the Sogilu Channel.

Mr. Maridevara Gurusiddaiya, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It has been brought to the notice of Government that the crops under the Sogilu Channel failed last year for want of water. This year also on account of absence of rain and want of water in the channel, some have sown dry grains and others have left their lands fallow. It is therefore requested that the assessment of these lands for last year as well as this year should be remitted. If the entire assessment cannot be remitted, the water tax at least may be ordered to be remitted.

Reply of Government.—The matter may be represented to the Deputy Commissioner.

SUBJECT No. 473.

Clearance of silt in the Sogilu anekat.

Mr. Maridevara Gurusiddaiya, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Since the construction of the Sogilu Anekat no silt has been removed from it and therefore water does not flow freely even when the rains are ample. The raiyats having found it difficult to execute this work, they represented to the Deputy Commissioner, who ordered that if the raiyats were to pay towards the charges of removing silt at the rate of four annas per acre it would be done through Government agency. This has been agreed to by the raiyats. If the work is to be commenced after the amount is collected much loss will be incurred. It is therefore requested that the work may be taken in hand and the amount promised by the raiyats collected along with kandayam.